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June Milk Production

Wisconsin milk production totaled 2.25 billion pounds in June, up 109 million pounds from a year ago. Milk per cow averaged 1,780 pounds, 5 percent higher than last June. The number of milk cows in the state, at 1.26 million, was up 1,000 from last month and up 5,000 from a year ago. As of July 1, 2010, Wisconsin had 12,705 licensed milk cow herds, down 18 from last month and down 405 from July 2009.

Milk production in June in the 23 major states grew by 3 percent over the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,816 pounds, a rise of 67 pounds over last year. The number of milk cows, at 8.35 million, was 10,000 more than last month, but 87,000 fewer than last June.

Of the 23 major milk producing states, all but 4 had an increase in production over the previous year. Wisconsin and Michigan both had a 5 percent growth in milk production. California and Idaho milk production rose by 3 percent. Texas milk production, on the other hand, decreased less than 1 percent.

Milk cow numbers, although down from last year, have steadily risen throughout 2010. Since January, milk cows in the 23 states have increased from 8.32 million to 8.35 million. Idaho has added 8,000 cows, New Mexico has added 7,000, and Michigan has added 6,000.

June Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % chnge 2010/09
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,257	1,262	1,700	1,780	2,137	2,246	+5
CA	1,804	1,751	1,820	1,940	3,283	3,397	+3
ID	549	559	1,880	1,910	1,032	1,068	+3
MI	357	359	1,890	1,970	675	707	+5
MN	469	470	1,630	1,660	764	780	+2
NM	327	325	2,050	2,080	670	676	+1
NY	623	610	1,700	1,740	1,059	1,061	n.c.
PA	545	541	1,630	1,660	888	898	+1
TX	428	410	1,710	1,775	732	728	-1
23-state total	8,434	8,347	1,749	1,816	14,754	15,154	+3

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WIFO.

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July Milk Prices

Wisconsin's July milk price is expected to average \$15.20 per hundredweight (cwt.). This price is 20 cents higher than June's price of \$15.00 per cwt. and \$3.80 more than July 2009.

The expected U.S. milk price for July is \$16.00 per cwt. This is up 50 cents from June and 80 cents higher than Wisconsin's price. With the exception of Vermont, which is expecting no change in price, all of the major milk producing states are predicting a price increase from June to July. California is expecting the largest increase, rising 94 cents to \$15.20 per cwt. Minnesota and New Mexico are both predicted to be up 60 cents, while New York will be up 50 cents.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.6025 per pound on July 30, while barrels were \$1.5575 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.8150 per pound.

For the week ending July 24, 2010 the National Agricultural Statistics Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.4999 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.5110 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.7713 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for July is \$13.74 per cwt.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	June 2009		June 2010		July 2010	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	11.40	3.62	15.00	3.53	15.20	3.49
CA	10.11	3.55	14.26	3.58	15.20	3.57
ID	10.10	3.49	14.20	3.50	14.30	3.46
MI	12.00	3.53	16.30	3.47	16.60	3.44
MN	11.50	3.62	14.90	3.57	15.50	3.54
NM	10.30	3.41	14.90	3.37	15.50	3.35
NY	12.40	3.63	16.80	3.56	17.30	3.56
PA	12.90	3.60	17.50	3.50	17.80	3.50
TX	11.50	3.59	16.10	3.56	16.30	3.56
US	11.30	3.56	15.50	3.53	16.00	3.51
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	11.40	3.62	15.00	3.52	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	10.90	3.69	13.50	3.88	XXX	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

Cold Storage Stocks, United States

Commodity	June 30, 2009	May 31, 2010	June 30, 2010	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	602,049	614,852	628,369	+4
Swiss	23,067	27,339	26,803	+16
Other natural	362,283	374,029	371,430	+3
Total	987,399	1,016,220	1,026,602	+4
BUTTER	262,854	212,488	197,892	-25
FROZEN				
Beef	434,804	362,783	375,308	-14
Pork	577,914	446,049	410,051	-29
Chicken	653,886	692,744	669,041	+2
Turkey	594,742	461,805	504,025	-15

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Record Red Meat Production for June

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.18 billion pounds in June, up slightly from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in June 2009.

Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.05 million head, up 2 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,261 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 7 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,600 head, down 11 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.04 million head, down 1 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.1 million pounds, was up 2 percent from June 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 212,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2010 commercial red meat production was 23.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

June 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	June 2009	May 2010	June 2010	Jan - June 2/		Change from last year
				2009	2010	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,289	2,088	2,321	12,850	12,800	n.c.
Veal	12	10	11	68	66	-3
Pork	1,848	1,621	1,832	11,304	10,909	-3
Lamb & mutton	14	13	14	84	82	-2
Total red meat 3/	4,162	3,732	4,177	24,306	23,857	-2

1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Commercial Slaughter 1/, June 2010

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	148.5	+1	3,050.5	+2
Calves	9.1	2/	68.6	-11
Hogs, all	43.1	-21	9,044.7	-1
Sheep and lambs	0.7	+17	212.0	+5

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Milk Goat Inventories Continue to Rise, While Sheep Continue to Fall

Goat inventory in the U.S. totaled 3.67 million head, down 1 percent from July 2010. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.74 million head. All market goats and kids totaled 925,000 head, unchanged from the previous July.



Meat goat inventories were down 2 percent from a year ago, to 3.11 million head. Milk goat inventory was up 1 percent, increasing to 390,000 head. Angora goat inventories remained steady at 165,000 head. The 2010 U.S. kid crop is expected to total 1.95 million head, virtually unchanged from last year. The 2010 expected kidding rate of 104 kids per 100 does is up 1 percent from the 2009 kid rate of 103.

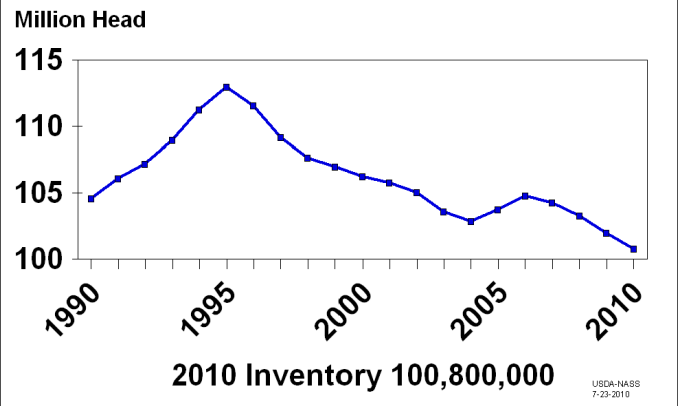
As of July 1, 2010, sheep and lamb inventories were down 2 percent from the previous year, bringing the total inventory in the United States to 6.90 million head. Breeding sheep inventory fell 3 percent from a year ago, to 4.16 million head. The current U.S. breeding herd consists of 3.37 million ewes one year and older, 175,000 rams one year and older, and 620,000 replacement lambs. Market sheep and lambs, at 2.65 million head, were also down from last July. Market lamb inventory includes 1.58 million lambs under 65 pounds, 550,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 285,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 235,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep accounted for 90,000 head. The U.S. lamb crop is expected to total 3.60 million head in 2010, down from the 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head. During the first half of the year 3.15 million lambs were born, with 450,000 head expected to be born from July through December. The 2010 expected lambing rate of 108 lambs per 100 ewes is equal to last year.

Special note: This will be the final July Sheep and Goat report. In the future, NASS will only publish an annual sheep and goat report in January. The January report will contain more detailed information. Questions concerning this change should be directed to Joseph Prusacki, Director, NASS Statistics Division at 202-720-3896.

U.S. Cattle Inventory down One Percent

As of July 1, 2010, the U.S. inventory of cattle and calves totaled 100.8 million head, down from 102.0 million a year ago. The number of milk cows was 9.1 million, down 1 percent from July 1, 2009. Milk replacement heifers were up 3 percent from a year ago, at 4.10 million head. Both beef cows and beef replacement heifers were down in 2010, compared to 2009. Beef cows were down 2 percent to 31.7 million head. Heifers for beef cow replacement were down 2 percent to 4.4 million. The calf crop for 2010 is expected to decrease 1 percent to 35.4 million head. The number of cattle on feed went up 3 percent to 12.0 million.

July 1 U.S. Cattle Inventory 1990-2010



Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for steers and heifers, oats, alfalfa hay, and other hay are expected to decrease from June to July. Calf, milk, corn, and soybean prices are expected to increase during the same period. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter are expected to remain at about the same level as in June.

As of mid-July the average price Wisconsin farmers received for corn was \$3.41 per bushel. This is an increase of 3 cents from last month, but a decrease of 34 cents from the previous year. Nationwide, corn prices averaged \$3.55 per bushel in mid-July, down 5 cents from July 2009.

Wisconsin soybeans increased 26 cents per bushel from June, to an average of \$9.67 per bushel in mid-July. This is \$1.43 less than the July 2009 price of \$11.10 per bushel. U.S. soybeans sold for \$9.79 per bushel in mid-July, down \$1.01 from July 2009.

Oat prices in Wisconsin averaged \$1.93 per bushel in mid-July, level with July 2009 prices but down 14 cents from last month. Nationally, oat prices were \$2.29 per bushel, up 26 cents from last year.

Alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$110.00 per ton as of mid-July. This is \$10.00 less than in June, but \$20.00 more than the July 2009 price. The average price for other hay types, at \$80.00 per ton, is down \$5.00 from June but up \$15.00 from the July 2009 price of \$65.00 per ton.

Wisconsin steer and heifer prices averaged \$86.50 per hundred-weight (cwt.) in mid-July, down 50 cents from last month. The average price for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at \$57.00 per cwt, did not change from June to mid-July. Mid-July Calf prices were up \$1.00 from June, to \$142.00 per cwt.

At the U.S. level steers and heifers sold for an average price of \$95.10 per cwt. in mid-July, \$9.80 more than in July 2009. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at an average of \$58.40 per cwt., were up \$11.10 from July of last year. Calves sold at an average price of \$119.00 per cwt. in mid-July, \$11.00 higher than the previous July.

Wheat, barley, and hog monthly prices are not published separately for Wisconsin, but at the national level all wheat sold for \$4.74 per bushel in mid-July, down 43 cents from July 2009. U.S. winter wheat prices decreased 30 cents over the same period, averaging \$4.72 per bushel in mid-July. Nationwide, barley sold for \$3.60 per bushel in mid-July, \$1.49 below the July 2009 price. Hog prices averaged \$57.80 per cwt., up \$14.50 from July of last year.

Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		July 2009	June 2010	July 15, 2010	July 2009	July 15, 2010
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	1,330.00	-	1,400.00	1,280.00	1,320.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	77.20	87.00	86.50	85.30	95.10
Cows 2/	Cwt.	46.60	57.00	57.00	47.30	58.40
Calves	Cwt.	126.00	141.00	142.00	108.00	119.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	11.40	15.00	15.20	11.30	16.00
Corn	Bu.	3.75	3.38	3.41	3.60	3.55
Oats	Bu.	1.93	2.07	1.93	2.03	2.29
Soybeans	Bu.	11.10	9.41	9.67	10.80	9.79
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	9.81	8.88
Fresh	Cwt.	-	-	-	13.20	-
Processing	Cwt.	-	-	-	7.10	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	90.00	120.00	110.00	120.00	117.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	65.00	85.00	80.00	104.00	97.30
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	5.17	4.74
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	5.02	4.72
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	5.09	3.60
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	32.50	27.60
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.17	0.30
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	43.30	57.80

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October.

2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry edible beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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